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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize Austin Special  
4 Chicago as the agency celebrates its 60th anniversary in 2013;  
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6           WHEREAS, Austin Special Chicago was founded in 1953 by a  
7 small group of parents whose hope for their children with  
8 developmental disabilities was not to be institutionalized but  
9 rather be integrated into the community through special  
10 education; and

11           WHEREAS, 60 years later, Austin Special Chicago has evolved  
12 into a nonprofit social service agency whose mission is to meet  
13 the needs of adults with developmental and intellectual  
14 disabilities, especially those with severe and profound mental  
15 retardation, to provide training and education so that they may  
16 have more fulfilled and enriched lives, and to assist their  
17 families to keep them integrated in the community; and

18           WHEREAS, Austin Special Chicago pursues this mission  
19 through the operation of its Developmental Training Center,  
20 where it offers vocational, social, and educational services  
21 including general counseling, speech therapy, basic academics,  
22 daily living skills, recreational activities, art therapy,

1 transportation, and participation in Special Olympics and  
2 community-based mainstream activities; and

3 WHEREAS, Austin Special Chicago also operates 3 Community  
4 Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) homes; they offer  
5 developmental training and residential services to adults 18  
6 years and older living in the Chicago community regardless of  
7 age, race, color, sex, disability, financial standing,  
8 religion, national origin, or ancestry; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we thank Austin Special's founders, board members, and staff  
12 for 60 years of serving some of Chicago's most vulnerable  
13 residents and we wish them well in all their future endeavours;  
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to Austin Special Chicago as an expression of our  
17 esteem and respect.